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SUBJECT: EC/EFTA RULES OF ORIGIN

1. AT FIRST MEETING GATT ARTICLE XXII:1 CONSULTATIONS ON EC/EFTA RULES OF ORIGIN, US SUBMITTED PAPER COMPARING OLD EFTA RULES WITH PRESENT EFTA/EC-EFTA RULES AND ASKED PARTIES TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS. IT WAS AGREED THAT SECOND MEETING WOULD BE HELD BEFORE SUMMER HOLIDAYS AT WHICH WE HOPE TO DISCUSS REASONS FOR INCREASED RESTRICTIVENESS OF PRESENT RULES USING EC AND EFTA SUBMISSIONS AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION.

2. MISSION REQUESTED TO CONTACT EC AND/OR EFTA REPRESENTATIVES TO DETERMINE (A) WHEN WE CAN EXPECT TO RECEIVE WRITTEN COMMENTS AND (B) SUITABLE DATE FOR SECOND MEETING. LATTER WOULD, OF COURSE, HAVE TO BE COORDINATED WITH SECRETARIAT. OUR PREFERENCE WOULD BE TO ALLOW FOR TWO DAY MEETING (ALTHOUGH WE MAY FINISH IN ONE) DURING LATTER PART OF JULY. IT IS IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, THAT WE HAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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